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THE CIVIL SERVICE A T.

Now that the civil service bill has passed both houses of congress, it is worth while to examine its leading features as passed and as amendments are to and what action is to The bill opens with a preamble stating that common justice requires that all citizens of as far as practical, be who may or duly qualified shall be allowed equal opportunity to ground of personal fitness for appointment, promotion and subordinate civil service of the United States; and that justice as well as economy and integrity in the public service will be promoted by substituting open competitive examinations for the methods of appointment heretofore employed.

To institute and carry out this system of competitive examinations the president is authorized to appoint, with the consent of the senate, three civil service commissioners who shall each receive a salary of $ a year, with allowance for necessary traveling expenses. The first duty of this commission shall be to aid the president in the preparation of suitable rules for carrying the act into effect; and it is made the duty of all officers in the civil service of the United States to aid in all proper ways in promotion of the general object. The rules are to provide for competitive examinations for testing the fitness of applicants; for arrangement of all offices, places and appointments in classes to be filled by selection from among those graded highest in the competitive examinations; for a apportionment of the appointments in the departments at Washington among the states and territories on the basis of population as shown by the last census; and for requirement of a probation, before any absolute appointment, so that fitness may be practically tested. The rules are further to require that no person in the public service shall use his official authority to coerce the political action of any one; that there shall be no assessment or demand for contributions for any political purpose, and that the applicant for appointment shall not be questioned as to his political principles or party affiliations.

The commissioners are to appoint boards of examiners to sit at Washington and at one or more places in each state and territory where examinations are to take place. Each board of examiners shall in each case consist of three persons in the official service of the United States, and shall be bound by the rules which the commission may prescribe. All officials of the United States are required to allow the use of public buildings for holding the examinations, and in all proper ways to facilitate the same. Severe penalties are prescribed for any departure from the rules, or for any favoritism, misrepresentation or other act on the part of those conducting the examination, for the purpose of injuring or improving the prospects or chances of any applicant.

The secretary of the treasury is required, within sixty days after the passage of the act to arrange in classes all the persons employed in the collectors, naval officers, surveyors and appraisers in the public service in the several customs districts of the United States, where the whole number of such persons shall be as many as fifty; and the postmaster general and other heads of departments are required to make a similar classification, as far as practicable, for the purpose of the examination as to fitness which the law requires. It would appear that the requirement is not to be enforced except in those offices where as many as fifty persons are employed. This will keep many in the great offices, but the act should take in some way reach the smaller ones. After the expiration of six months no person can enter the public service, or secure promotion in it, at any of the offices that come within the provisions of the law, without conforming to the rules and regulations laid down by the commission.

One or three sections of the act are directed against the use of congressional influence in securing appointments. These have mainly been provided in the progress of the bill through the houses, by way of addition or amendment. One of them declares that no recommendation for office or place under the act which may be given by any senator or representative, except as to character and residence of the applicant, shall be considered in making an appointment. Another provides that no senator or representative or officer of either house of congress, shall solicit or receive contributions for any political purpose from persons employed in the service of the United States. The penalty for violation of these provisions is a fine of $3000 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or both fine and imprisonment as the court may direct.

It need not be supposed that this will introduce epochs which will give the country a perfect civil service. If consistently enforced, however, it will stop many abuses in the departments at Washington and at our the offices in the large cities where many persons are employed. It will prevent a repetition of the sales of spoilation by which money is collected for the use of politicians and never accounted for, and it will check the use of influence by senators and representatives in a very considerable part of the public service.

HISTORY IN SCHOOLS.

Prof. Seelye of Amherst college not long ago published an article in a leading review in which he deplored the fact that history has been so much neglected in our schools and colleges. He said that Greek and Latin had taken the lead in every curriculum of study mainly on account of the endowments attached to them—for which we should rather be grateful to thank the endowments rather than find fault with them. In most every classical study will be found so little at the basis of all sound study of history. We now study literary more through the literary spirit than through attention to detailed facts. But Prof. Seelye is right when he deprecates the neglect of the study of partisan wranglings, and it would that history shall no longer be the battle-field of parties. The neglect of American history by the American people is amazing. Beyond that with the commonly used it is doubt if one American in a thousand goes into the history of his country, or even of his native state at all. The influence of party spirit may be in part by our historical writings. We must get at some distance from events to obtain a just view of the proportions of things. For the present sound study of our own history in our schools and colleges is not yet to be expected.

Here is philosophy about politics from the London *Spectator*: "Politics are nothing but the art of compelling, as far as possible, the desire for power to work its growth on a fair by using those means that will confer the most benefit on the people at large. And no man can ever know, except so far as he loyally guesses the recesses of individual character, how much party statesman is due from patriotic feeling, and how much from the hope of gaining popularity."

A political [illegible] which rose ahead of [illegible] in that time. I [illegible] here, that [illegible] from [illegible] a movement, and [illegible] the [illegible] The [illegible] there [illegible] to [illegible] service bill. A [illegible] boast that they will [illegible] party [illegible] probably they will [illegible]

CAPT. HILDER'S POEM.

The poem by Capt. Henry H. Pierce, U. S. A., which we print to-day we are sure will be received by the people as an expression of [illegible] of the Arctic regions. We do not see that it [illegible] any of the Arctic explorers, but each [illegible] has for at least [illegible] and [illegible] which [illegible] not [illegible] in a [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] poetry. We [illegible] not [illegible] we should [illegible] the literary faculty in the [illegible] but [illegible] professional [illegible] gold [illegible] in [illegible] and we trust he will [illegible] Our [illegible] had occasion [illegible] of the Arctic Regions. Further [illegible] graduate with [illegible] from [illegible] author a permanent place in [illegible] has also a very [illegible] of the [illegible] press [illegible] and original [illegible] which [illegible] contained in [illegible] We need not [illegible] the cultivated readers of THE OREGONIAN a perusal of the poem we print to-day. It will [illegible] and steadily hold [illegible] attention. The descriptive lines throughout the [illegible] are remarkably fine.

Gen. Walker, late superintendent of the [illegible] sus, answers the complaint of those who [illegible] that there is unusual and unnecessary delay in publishing the results of the census of [illegible] by the sixteenth, that statistics were never before given out so promptly. The report of the statistics of manufactures of the eighth census was not published until 1866, and of the ninth census until 1872, whereas thousands of statistics of the tenth census were published some time ago. He might also have added that the present statistics are much more elaborate and complete than ever before.

Mr. Gladstone is quoted as expressing the wish that some laboring man should be returned to parliament, and gives it as his opinion that the laboring men themselves are to blame for not being more numerously represented. The same lack of representation will be found in most of the legislative bodies of our own country. But in Great Britain, where members of parliament serve without compensation, and where expenses of election are very great there are reasons for the absence of workingmen among the members which do not exist here.

GOLD RESERVE.

Statement of the Condition Since the Agreement of November 25.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE OREGONIAN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The reduction of the gold reserve below $100,000,000, and the consequent necessity for coupling the issue of gold certificates, is not a serious matter, but there is reason of it having some significance. The government may redeem gold certificates in gold as in practice it redeems greenbacks in gold. It was feared if gold were reduced speculators might turn their greenbacks, which the government could redeem in either metal, into gold certificates and embarrass the treasury by reducing the amount of liabilities on which silver might be paid, and increase the amount on which gold must be paid. The amount of gold in the treasury would not be changed, but it would be transferred from greenback security to certificate security. For example, a man might present greenbacks for redemption and gold would be exchanged for them. He might immediately redeposit the gold and obtain certificates. Gold would therefore remain in the treasury, and the amount of gold in the reserve would not be changed, but the amount of certificates would be increased. [illegible] certificates for redemption of the greenbacks is restricted by the law of 1878.

[illegible] It was the intention of the framers of the gold and silver law of 1878 to keep the gold reserve at $100,000,000, for greenbacks and silver certificates, and [illegible] the treasury should [illegible] the reserve [illegible] of gold [illegible] silver, and [illegible] silver certificates [illegible] gold coin available for [illegible] and [illegible] gold coin available for greenbacks would [illegible]

PROPOSALS OF SILVER COIN.

On the other hand, the secretary has received [illegible] below $100,000,000, and [illegible] silver [illegible] may be made [illegible] there are [illegible] dollars of silver [illegible] in the treasury [illegible] and [illegible] There are now [illegible] certificates [illegible] in the treasury [illegible] of silver certificates [illegible] of silver dollars [illegible] an amount of gold [illegible] proposed [illegible] certificates [illegible] silver purposes. [illegible] $100,000,000 [illegible] $60,000,000 [illegible] $40,000,000 [illegible] $60,000,000 [illegible] $40,000,000 [illegible] $100

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CITY.

LIQUOR LICENSES.—The City Council yesterday granted licenses to the following persons to sell liquor: Some slight objection was made to the granting of licenses to some of those persons, but the objections were overruled by the Council, and the licenses granted as a matter of course. The applicants were: Peter Kenny, Thomas Cahill, Thomas Cahill, Jr., Thomas Cahill & Co., Thomas Cahill & Co., Jr., Thomas Cahill & Co., Jr., Thomas Cahill & Co., Jr

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THE SNOW-FLY'S GIFT.

A LEGEND OF THE LAPWAI, IDAHO.

A strange, weird land is the far-off west,
A wonder-spot on the earth's fair breast!
Like the flow of tears on a maiden's cheeks
Is the crystal tide of its amber creeks,
And the winding course that the rivers take
Is the a mixed trail of the writhing snake.
There the distant view of the treeless hills
Has the monster form of a sleeping brute,
And the giant slopes of the landscape seem
Like shy phantom shapes in the wildest dream.
Now the rocky scarps of the canyon rise
As the lifting walls to the arching skies,
And the traveler shrinks to a pigmy mite
As he scans the face of the dizzy height.
Anon, the mass of a stony hand
Like an index points to the better-land—
Ah! the proudest heart may the warning heed
Of the silent hand on the lonely mead!
Anon, the cliff by an art sublime
Is a castle grim of the feudal time,
With its lofty wall by the dismal moat
And the bastion drear where the bannere float.
A spectral thing in the wintry crest
Of a lonely peak in the far-off west,
When the setting sun on its brow shines bright,
Or the mountain glows in the pale moonlight.
A strange, weird spot on the earth's fair breast
Is the wonder-land of the distant west!

The village of Love fly fast and far,
Where rough axe meet the archer tarries.
Nor land nor flood, nor bolt, nor bar
Can stay the doom his quiver carries.

Where Lapwai's rippling waters glide,
And branches droop to kiss the tide,
In balm-breezes and poplar shade
Im-ne-hi lived, the Indian maid,
We may not give the damsel's birth—
Among the secret things of earth—
Enough: her life was void of stain,
Her limbs of fault, her breast of pain.
Alas! that eager Love should scale
The dizzying hills that rimmed the vale;
With yo pended shaft's unerring aim
To pierce a heart so free from blame!
Of all were loving tribute gave,
Was Kim-mah, proud Nez-Perce brave.
Of stalwart frame without a peer,
On pine-tree slopes he chased the deer;
From far Wallowa's charming lands
Bestowed his gifts with brimming hands;
And oft as manly sports did prove
The strength of sinews nerved by love;
May, bestowed every savage art
To win her smiles, and please her heart.

When tinges are true the maids are coy,
Though blest with brown or skin treasure;
And many a simple art cunning
To husband well their fond caresses.
And who shall say that a maiden's choice
May never shift, or the heart revolt?
Or who proclaim with a prophet's voice,
That bright moon but a single belt!

The frosts were gone from the purling rills,
The sod was green, and the camas bloomed,
A rival came from the northern hills,
And Im-neh's hopes of a bride were doomed.
The god, who once in an angel's guise
Had whispered thoughts of a lover's bliss,
Now scorned, alas, to his jealous eyes
A fiend who spoke with the serpent's hiss!

As Indian legend, strange and old,
By forefather smiths by lodge-fires told,
Of fallen Mist once with passion wild
Had wooed the Snow-king a child.
And, spite scorn of earthly mold
Wherein are have loved a maid so cold!
Assuming the dating warrior hied
To the home the tryst by Lapwai sides.
A fault, but judging heart would fain
Have condoned their troth, but prayers were vain.
For Kim-mah's wooing had her icy cheek;
Unmoved, cold, save his lips might speak.

Now, mid the fretting snows
By Lapwai's tryst where Lapwai flows,
Each had he passion's will unchaste,
Did sternly sleep her frozen waist.
Then, melting sap of goblin fear,
Upon himself after the wintry sir,
Poised had her snowy pinions bright
And left him there in gruesome plight.
Then came before his vows were said
The fugitives lands the snow-fay sped,
And soon she'd through the moon-lit skies
Unto the heart that mocked his cries;
Then, as a plume of spotless hue
Adorn warlike headdress or else bow.
Kim-mah fanned the budding trees,
And the cold from frosty lees,
And then flung the snow-fay's wing
Upon the flower to greet the Spring—
The harbinger of stainless white
Following the cry, and mark her flight.
Then, the youth who plucks that flower
Whose whitewood wears at midnight hour,
And flatter invokes the injured fay,
Shall win the maiden's heart for aye.

Then Kim-mah within his arms
Was clasping with all her budding charms,
The maiden framed her fearless away
To unbridled his fey looks to play.
Then sunlight's life-me sunlight glows
Through the hatred ills his breast.
Then, as a flower with gall war-flown,
Then, as a flower with gall war-flown,
Then, as a flower with gall war-flown,